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Mr. Frazer Lockhart
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Dear Mr. Lockhart,

The purpose of this letter is to: 1) grant approval of the Administrative Record Index for Operable Unit 4 (OU4) IM/IRA dated October 28, 1991; and 2) provide DOE with guidance in the development of the Administrative Record Index for Rocky Flats Plant.

EPA completed the review of the Administrative Record Index for OU 4. It is EPA's evaluation that this Administrative Record Index is adequate to support the proposed IM/IRA for OU4. However, there are still some documents related to OU4 which may be relevant to the final remedy and that need to be incorporated. EPA would like to meet with DOE as soon as possible to discuss remaining issues pertaining to this Administrative Record Index. DOE must place this Administrative Record Index in the reading rooms immediately upon receiving this letter.

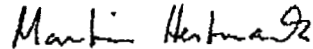
Section 300.815 of Subpart I of the NCP states that the administrative record file for the selection of a remedial action shall be available for public inspection at the commencement of the remedial investigation phase. In addition, Part 44 of the IAG states that DOE shall establish and maintain an Administrative Record Index at or near the Site in accordance with section 113(k) of CERCLA and EPA policy and guidance. Therefore, DOE shall establish and make available to all the interested parties, the Administrative Record Index supporting a response action during the remedial investigation phase, and not later than DOE's release of a proposed decision document for public comment. In addition, the Administrative Record Index for all OUs shall be updated on a quarterly basis.

ADMIN RECORD

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If you have any comments or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Arturo Duran of my staff at 294-1080.

Sincerely,



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